

I went to a school in Bergen County, New Jersey, where they have a curriculum on the Sudan and it is attempting to get the board of education in that town to adopt a policy of teaching about the tragedy of the Sudan.

So they say if you start me with 10 who are stout-hearted men, I will soon give you 10,000 more. If I start you with 10 who are stout-hearted men or women, we should say today I will give you 10,000 more, and a trip of a thousand miles must begin with the first step.

There have been many steps but they have been quiet steps. The steps that we are hearing now are louder steps. They are more steps. They are bigger steps. They are steps that are making noise. They are people in high places who are now saying this place in the Sudan we have overlooked for so long now it is time for us to focus on it.

We have people who are saying that we cannot allow in this new millennium to have people still enslaved and children starving to death. We can no longer allow in this time and place that we should look the other way as we did when the tragedy was going on in Somalia and when the terrible situation was going on in Sierra Leone and when we saw civil war in Liberia, and when we watched dictators in Nigeria we looked the other way in many of these instances, but finally we are coming together on this question of Sudan.

I will continue to fight for the right of the people of that nation. I will continue to fight for those voices, people who have no voice, those who suffer daily. We all should be concerned. We all have a responsibility. We all must get involved. We all must call our Congress people and senators, talk to our church people and school friends to have our civic organizations and League of Women Voters put this on their agendas. The women's clubs and the sororities and the fraternities all must take this battle on. We must win. We will win. We are on the right side. No longer can the world run and hide. The world must now decide that enough is enough; that this country needs to be brought into the 21st Century.

I hope that tomorrow will be another step in that direction.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business in the district.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Mr. TANNER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of illness in the family.

Mr. ROYCE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATSON of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. BIGGERT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. ENGLISH, for 5 minutes, June 13.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and June 13 and 14.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. BIGGERT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 13, 2001, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2413. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Papayas Grown in Hawaii; Suspension of Grade, Inspection, and Related Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV01-928-1 IFR] received June 1, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2414. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of User Fees for 2001 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers [CN-00-010] (RIN: 0581-AB57) received June 1, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2415. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 2001-2002 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV-01-985-1 FR] received June 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2416. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-932-1 FIR] received June 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2417. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Adjustment of Appendices to the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation for the 2001 Tariff-Rate Quota Year—received June 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2418. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Methyl Anthranilate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-301127; FRL-6780-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received June 5, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2419. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting requests for Fiscal Year 2002 budget amendments for the Department of Health and Human Services and International Assistance Programs; (H. Doc. No. 107-83); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2420. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting FY 2001 supplemental appropriations proposal for the Department of Defense as well as two supplemental proposals, transmitted on June 1, 2001, for additional funding for the Department of Defense's Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund and reduces funding for the Department of Transportation's Miscellaneous Highway Trust Fund Account, are now recommended to be withdrawn; (H. Doc. No. 107-84); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2421. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report that responds to the Supplemental Appropriations Act regarding the Department of Defense Healthcare Quality Initiatives Review Panel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2422. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the eleventh annual report on the assessment of the Profitability of Credit Card Operations of Depository Institutions, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1637 nt.; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2423. A letter from the General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exception Payment Standard to Offset Increase in Utility Costs in the Housing Choice Voucher Program [Docket No. FR 4672-I-01] (RIN: 2577-AC29) received June 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2424. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report of the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Policies for fiscal year 1998, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 284b, 285b(b), 286b(b)(5), 286b-1, 286b-2(a), and 290i-3; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2425. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's authorization request for FY 2002-2003, pursuant to Section 607 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2426. A letter from the Acting Commissioner for Education Statistics, Department